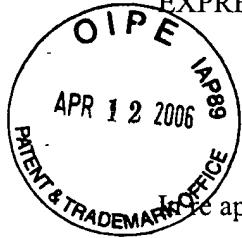


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Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

A Listing of the Claims pending in the application begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.